

CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a Meeting held in Room H-769, SGW Campus, at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 12 November 1984.

PRESENT: Mr. B.T. Counihan, Chairman (for Dr. R. Breen); Mr. D. Baird; Dr. E. Enos; Ms. J. Gellert; Ms. E. Killeen (for Mr. H. Mandelker); Mr. A. Lakhani; Ms. A. Shore; Mr. A. Sproule; Dr. R. Swedburg; Dr. M. Taylor; Mr. D.L. Boisvert, Secretary.

ABSENT: Mr. P. Arsenault; Mr. S. Ferguson; Mr. A. Haberl; Ms. M. Latella; Mr. N. Lazaris.

GUEST: Me D. N. Bolton.

Chairman's Remarks

84.11.1 Mr. Counihan stated that Dr. Breen was unavailable, and that he would be chairing this meeting of Council.

Approval of the Agenda

84.11.2 Mr. Sproule MOVED and Dr. Enos SECONDED that the agenda for Council's present meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 4 October 1984.

84.11.3 Ms. Gellert MOVED and Mr. Baird SECONDED that the minutes of the meeting of 4 October 1984 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

A. Report from the Priorities & Finance Committee

84.11.4.1 Mr. Boisvert reported that the Committee had discussed the matter of playoff expenditures in Athletics for 1984/85, based on forecasts prepared by the Department. At this time, should all varsity teams make it to playoffs, an estimated \$39,300 will be required. The Committee, recognizing the University's obligation to support its varsity teams and also the public relations value of winning teams, is proposing that the University be approached to help defray part of the playoff expenditures, once these have been finalized.

- 84.11.4.2 Mr. Baird MOVED and Dr. Enos SECONDED that the report on playoff expenditures from the Priorities & Finance Committee be approved, together with the Committee's recommendation. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Status Report from the Committee on the Role of Athletics

- 84.11.4.3. Dr. Swedburg, Chairman, reported that the Committee was progressing in its work. A call for briefs has been issued to the University community (15 January deadline), and a major brief from the Department of Athletics is also expected. Due to the turnover in membership, the Committee was unable to produce its report before Christmas. A report is expected in the Spring.

Presentation: Legal Aid (Guest: Me D.N. Bolton)

- 84.11.5.1 Me D.N. Bolton, Legal Advisor, spoke of the legal aid services available to students, faculty and staff of the University. Offices are located on both Campuses. The service is more of a counselling nature in that legal procedures are not initiated through the Office.
- 84.11.5.2 Of the 289 files opened last year, 232 were from students. The case load breaks down as follows: 15% immigration (though decreasing); 15% criminal; 25% rental; 25% family-related. The balance is a mix, with debt counselling on the increase. Students can be represented in court, but these are exceptions.
- 84.11.5.3 Me Bolton recounted two experiences to give Council members some idea of the types of legal problems handled.
- 84.11.5.4. On a question, it was noted that not much legal work connected with academics is handled by legal aid. A good rapport exists with the Ombudsman's Office, which normally would deal with such issues. (Perhaps the Ombudsman's Office could be asked to make a presentation to Council at some later date).
- 84.11.5.5 Mr. Counihan indicated that legal aid clinics are held on the SGW Campus on Wednesday afternoons.
- 84.11.5.6 Me Bolton was thanked for her interesting presentation.

Reports from Directors

- 84.11.6.1 Mr. Sproule reported that the Guidance counsellors are booked heavily. There is increased utilization of the Information Centre, and a tremendous demand for the job search workshops. More resources are needed for the latter. On-Campus company recruiting is on the rise. At the next Council meeting, the Canada Employment Centre will make a presentation.

- 84.11.6.2 Dr. Enos reported that the Fall sports programme is winding down. He also reported briefly on the Task Force looking at the future of inter-university sports in Québec. It is very likely that the "big four" (U. of Toronto, McGill, Queen's, Western) will form a separate competitive league.
- 84.11.6.3 Mr. Counihan reported on upcoming pre-Christmas activities: the annual Health Fair (to be held on the Loyola Campus) and the annual Christmas basket drive sponsored by Campus Ministry.

New Business

- 84.11.7 Mr. Baird raised student concerns with reference to Financial Aid and office hours of the Guidance Information Centre, which will be followed up by the Director concerned.

Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

- 84.11.8 Council agreed to forego its December meeting, in the hope of celebrating the festive season at the Vice-Rector's traditional, and much appreciated, Christmas get-together.

MEETING TERMINATED.